REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6-12, 16-19, 21-31, 34-41 and 45-48 have been amended. Claims 50, 53 and 54 have been canceled. Claims 1-49, 51, 52, 55 and 56 are now pending in the present application.

During a telephone conversation on July 29, 2005, the Examiner stated that the above amendments would place the application in condition for allowance.

Several dependent claims have been amended to correct antecedent basis issues that arose as a result of the amendments to the independent claims. Support for dependent claims 7, 17, 23, 36 and 46 is found at least in Fig. 4c and the accompanying description in the specification. Support for dependent claims 8 and 37 is found at least on page 4, line 22 -- page 5, line 4 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-81900/RCK.

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